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U.S. RELIEF EFFORTS — Hundreds of Bawfal, Banglesdesh, residents encircle the landing zone for a 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) helicopter from the amphibious assault ship USS Tarawa (LHA 1) last Tuesday. The 11th MEU is providing humanitarian assistance/disaster relief (HA/DR) after tropical cyclone Sidr last month killed 3,000 and left hundreds of thousands homeless.

U.S. Navy photo



Juniper helps in interdiction

The Coast Guard cutter Juniper becomes a Cuban migrant holding platform for five weeks in the Florida Straits.

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Teen Center well received

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department's new Teen Center rated as 'awesome' among youths.

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Navy rules Army twice

It's a Navy clean sweep over Army: first in the Army Navy Challenge here, and then the Army Navy game in Baltimore.

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Ensign Jennifer Makowski/USCG photos

COAST GUARD cutter Juniper crewmembers stand security watch over approximately 40 detained Cuban migrants housed in a huge tent on the buoy deck. The buoy tender returned recently after five weeks supporting Coast Guard Alien Migrant Interdiction Operations in the Florida Straits.

Juniper shelters Cuban migrants intercepted in the Florida Straits

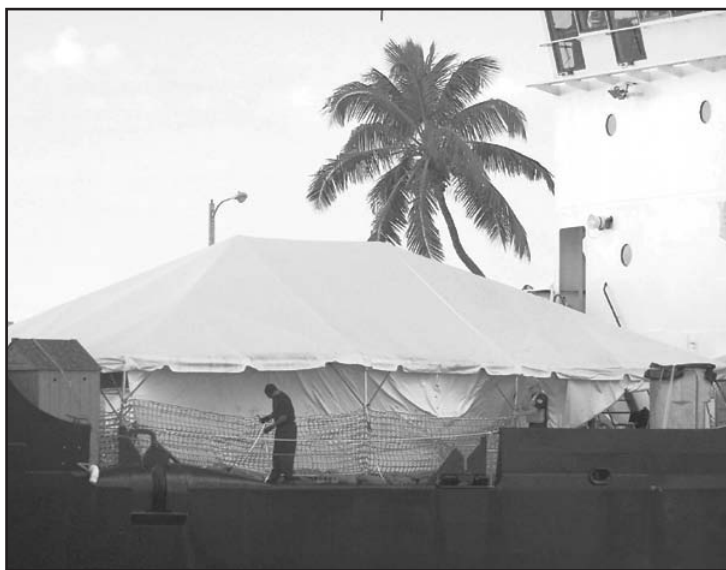
By **ENSIGN J. MAKOWSKI**
USCG cutter Juniper

The Coast Guard cutter Juniper, berthed at Pier 2, Naval Station Newport, returned Nov. 20 after five weeks on assignment in the Florida Straits supporting Operation Blue Hammer, part of the Coast Guard's Alien Migrant Interdiction Operations (AMIO).

With the combination of more frequent attempts by Cuban migrants to reach U.S. soil and the recent decommissioning of eight Florida-based Coast Guard patrol boats, the Coast Guard called on Juniper to serve as a Cuban migrant holding platform.

The ship left Newport Oct. 15 and its 37-day patrol included 648 hours of underway time, seven days of engine maintenance, and liberty time in Key West and Miami.

Juniper first stopped in Key West to load AMIO supplies such as a large tent and a portable shower and toilet which were all staged on Juniper's buoy deck. Within hours of departing Key West, Juniper embarked 82 migrants



JUNIPER crewmembers erect a tent on the ship's buoy deck while it's berthed in Key West, Fla. The ship was turned into a migrant holding platform for the Seventh Coast Guard District.

interdicted at sea by other Coast Guard vessels. The pace continued as Juniper took aboard a total of 138 Cuban migrants, including 10 suspected migrant smugglers.

Three-person security teams watched over the migrants around the clock as they used wool blankets to make their temporary home on Juniper's

buoy deck. The galley staff provided two meals per day, normally consisting of black beans and rice with fruit in the morning.

Seaman Juan Reyes, born in the Dominican Republic and raised in Providence, served as the sole interpreter through-

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Donated wreaths part of ceremony for R.I. veterans

EXETER, R.I. — The Naval War College will provide a color guard; and Navy Counselor 1st Class Derrick Randle, NavalStation Command career counselor, will accept a wreath for the Navy at the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Rhode Island Veterans Ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 15.

The ceremony coincides with the delivery by tractor-trailer truck of 10,000 Christmas wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington.

The wreaths are donated by the Worcester Wreath Co. of Harrington, Maine, and escorted by two Maine State troopers.

For the second year, the convoy will be joined by dozens of vehicles from the Rhode Island State Police, Providence and Warwick Police Departments, the Civil Air Patrol, the R.I. Patriot Guard Riders (motorcycles) and other supporters as it crosses through Rhode Island on Dec. 11.

The R.I. escort will meet the truck at Emerald Square Mall at 11 a.m. with the first stop at noon at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park in North Kingstown, before moving on to the Connecticut border.

The trip from Maine will begin Dec. 9, and will pass through 196 communities and cover 750 miles, arriving Dec. 15 at Arlington. Each mile rep-

resents 1,000 of the 750,000 men and women who died in armed conflicts in U.S. history.

Ed King, the R.I. Patriot Guard Riders state captain, said in addition to the 10,000 wreaths bound for Arlington, Worcester Wreath is working in conjunction with the non-profit Wreaths Across America to deliver special ceremonial wreaths to 200 state and national veterans cemeteries and monuments around the country, including the Exeter cemetery.

The ceremonies, beginning at 11:45 a.m. at the Exeter cemetery, will be in a heated tent and include military honors. A national moment of silence will follow at noon.

Participants will include bagpiper Charles Rafferty playing *Amazing Grace*; and bugler Mike Jackson, a member of the Patriot Guard Riders and R.I. Buglers Across America, playing *Taps*. The Bristol Train of Artillery will fire a Howitzer salute.

King said Rhode Island will receive more than 50 wreaths. There are 30 specially made wreaths for the Army, Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, U.S. merchant marines and POW/MIAs will be placed on memorials during the ceremony.

Wreaths will be presented to 20 Gold Star Families in Rhode Island who lost a loved one in the war on terror.

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Piggy banks central to Youth Money Fair

EDITOR'S NOTE: Some of the Fleet and Family Support Center workshops and meetings require registration. Call 841-2283 for information.

As part of the National Youth Savings Challenge, the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) and the Navy Federal Credit Union are presenting a Youth Money Fair at the FFSC, on Friday, Dec. 28.

The fair, geared toward children ages 3 to 18, will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be games, prizes, pizza, and soda. Registration is not required.

Get some support — The New Directions Support Group will meet Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. This weekly drop-in support group is for personal or professional issues, including stress problems, relationships, work issues, elder care and communications just to name a few topics. No appointment necessary. Please stop by the

FFSC and participate.

Draft an effective resume — The Fleet and Family Support Center is offering a workshop entitled, "Effective Resumes," on Thursday, Jan. 10, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A resume is one of your most important tools when looking for a job. Learn how to prepare an effective resume that will get you an interview. This workshop will cover what to include on your resume, which format to use, and other resume writing tips.

Orientation for military spouse — The FFSC is offering Spouse Orientation to Military Life, designed to provide information and resources for new spouses on the military lifestyle, benefits and services available. It also assists them in maintaining a state of preparation for deployment or other military-related separation.

This program is offered for all new spouses or those spouses who have never lived

| | Friday, Saturday, Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| 9 a.m. | Taming Dragons: Play Therapy Anger Management | Boys will be Boys | Two kinds of Touch | Resolving Conflicts | Trauma and Loss in Children |
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HELPFUL VIDEOS – Fleet and Family Support Center videos are offered twice a day at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week over Newport Naval Cable Television channel 13. The specialized videos are designed to help military members and their families with the frequent challenges and problems of daily life.

near a military installation before and is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 15, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Rebuilding When Your Relationship ends — This workshop will be held at the FFSC on Thursday, Jan. 24 and 31, 2 to 4 p.m. The program is designed to help you adjust to the ending of a relationship or marriage.

Topics of discussion will be coping with anger, adapting to independent life, dealing with loss, letting go and building self-esteem again, and entering new relationships. The workshop combines concrete

information and group discussion.

Beating the Blues — This workshop is being offered at the Fleet and Family Support Center on Friday, Jan. 25, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Participants will review some known symptoms and causes for depression and receive information on how to treat "the blues."

Relationship Enhancement — The Relationship Enhancement workshop is being held at the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. FFSC counselors are offering this one-day work-

shop for couples who want to learn more about the ground rules for loving and fighting; and how to promote intimacy in their relationship.

This is a condensed version of a six-week course usually offered. A minimum of eight confirmed participants is required in order for this workshop to be held.

Reading Your Credit Report — Learn about information on credit reports at the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call 841-2283 to register.

Juniper

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out the patrol, and helped alleviate the language barrier .The security teams provided the children with crayons and coloring books and the adults with playing cards, Dominoes, and Cuban news articles downloaded from the Internet to stave off boredom and restlessness.

During tropical storm Noel, rough seas and high winds plagued the Florida Straits. But with 38 Cuban migrants living on the buoy deck, Juniper remained at sea. Under the

so-called "wet-foot/dry-foot" Cuban migrant policy, any Cuban national who reaches U.S. soil may remain and eventually apply for citizenship.

With only one operational engine because of previous engine trouble, Lt. Cmdr. Richard Wester, Juniper's commanding officer, searched for protection from the weather.

"Our (bow and stern) thrusters allowed us to hold our position in the lee of the Marquesas for four days," he said. "Facing our stern

towards the wind shielded our guests on the buoy deck from the harsh elements. You could barely tell that the wind was blowing 40 knots."

Thanks to a three-knot Gulf Stream current and the efforts of the ship's engineers to fix the broken engine, Juniper made record speed home in time for Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends. The crew also welcomed the cooler temperatures of New England waters after the heat of Key West.

Exams

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tronic copies available from Navy Personnel Command, Sailors have easy access to their records.

"Sailors can now view their record in the same format and image quality as the selection board members who review it when determining who will or will not be promoted," said Paul D. Wilder, senior analyst for records management and policy.

"I ordered my service record and realized two

of my awards weren't in there," said Storekeeper 1st Class (AW) William Graves, supply leading petty officer at Navy Personnel Command.

"I have to ensure everything is up to date and accurate if I want to increase my chances to put on khakis," he said.

For more information or to order your service record on CD, visit www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/RecordsManagement/ or <http://www.bol.navy.mil> .

Homefront

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but heard a voice behind me, pitched low and certain so that I would be sure to hear. "But you couldn't stop me if I really wanted to go."

(19-year military spouse,

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Holiday

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p.m., will warm the cockles of your heart as Navy musicians play a variety of holiday favorites. Special guests this year will be Children's Choir composed of pupils from Grades 3, 4 and 5 at Cranston-Calvert and Underwood schools. The concert is free and for the little ones, Santa Claus will make an appearance. For information call NBNE at 841-2479.

As we get a little closer to Christmas, the Swanhurst Chorus will have its 15th annual Messiah & Carol Sing at Emmanuel Church at Spring and Dearborn Streets on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. The concert will feature the Christ-

mas portion of Handel's Messiah; other traditional carols and a reading of the Christmas Story.

You and yours can join in the sing-along or just enjoy the glorious sounds of the season and later partake from the festive Wassail Bowl. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for the children under 12 or \$25 per family. More information can be found at 682-1630 or visit www.Swanhurst.org.

The Newport Congregational Church will hold a candle-light Christmas Eve service at 73 Pelham St., on Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. Call 849-2238 for information.